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The Pope or Sambo.

The war having virtually ended, some of the religious fanatics, convinced that the terms, Copperhead and Traitor are now obsolete, have determined to introduce a venerable scarecrow into politics. They have already imported that famous corpse of the Mother Country—"No Popery." But the skill and ingenuity of any co-partner, ship of quacks must fail in the attempt to brush into it the breath of life, for its crumbling bones and the dried parchment which encases them are unequal to the pressure. While in the British House of Commons the best informed statesmen are declaring that the religious Test Oath should be abolished, some zealots in this country seem anxious to proscribe citizens as dangerous to the commonwealth, because not subscribing to the same religious tenets as themselves. But the introduction of this British corpse into American politics should not astonish any person aware of the result which its importers wish to accomplish through its instrumentality. Foreigners, we are informed, are coming into this country very rapidly; a majority of them are Catholics.—There is, almost not yet proclaimed as such, a Catholic party in the country, to which the new-comers will naturally attach themselves. This party will elect a President and have a majority in both Houses of Congress, and then Catholicism will be made the State religion. To cap this climax elegantly, the Pope is to be brought over to govern us. Hence, as an offset to this inundation of a foreign voting element the negro must have the right of suffrage immediately. King Cotton having been destroyed, we must soon have Sambo or the Pope for our Sovereign!

Restoring Government.

The brains of government authorities and radical journalists, says the Montrose Democrat, seem to be seriously muddled on the subject of what is commonly called "reconstruction"—a term which does not correctly express the present business of the officials. They are not to reconstruct but to restore governmental authority at the South, both Federal and State. The secession acts were but the declarations of mobs, (legally speaking,) and when those who have violated the laws cease their obstruction, we find the Constitution and laws of the States and of the United States, remaining upon record unaffected, legally, by any act of rebellion. The path of duty, then, is plain. Those citizens who recognize the authority of government have only to select the most appropriate manner, the requisite officers to set the machinery in motion. Federal officers should also be selected in the usual way, and in due time public business will be fully restored. Then when the people have had time to test the new relations which war and devastation have produced, they can decide upon such, as any alterations in their fundamental laws as are best fitted to promote their internal harmony and general welfare. And if the people think it best to provide for the emancipation of their slaves, it would be their privilege and duty to do so according to legal forms under their Constitutions. If not, it is their business only.

But the great blunder or crime of radical meddlers consists in the fact that they wish to treat the States as dead in law, and they clamor for repudiating the former State Constitutions and laws, and proceed to form new ones. To do this is to admit that secession was legal, and that it actually dissolved the Union. The old Union always existed theoretically and legally; and it remains for those in power to show whether they wish to restore it practically. Let us have restoration; "reconstruction" savors fearfully of destruction to free government.

Mrs. LINCOLN before taking her final leave of the White House, presented Fr. Douglas, the black orator, with Mr. Lincoln's case, as a memento of the friendship which the President had entertained for him. Mr. Douglas claims that Lincoln frequently invited him to the White House, and there treated him like a man and a brother. What think you of this, you woolly-headed levity patriot? They are pretty nearly all ready to fall in with Phillips and advocate the right of negro suffrage and amalgamation with the blacks. It is only four years and a few months since they denounced as Abolitionists, and stoutly denied of their being such a party in existence. At present they take occasion to roll up their eyes like a dying calf, wring their bloody hands, and thank their Maker that they are Abolitionists!

The Legislature of this State has established the following as the legal holidays: Any day recommended by the Governor or President of the United States as a day of fasting or thanksgiving; the 4th of July; the 25th of December; the 1st of January; and the 2nd of February.

The editor of the Northumberland County Democrat says: "If a young man is too poor to pay fifty cents for publishing his marriage notice, he is too poor to get married."

Political Clerics.

In a so-called religious Convention lately sitting in Philadelphia, a Clerical non-compos by the name of Parvin, made the following remarks in reply to Hon. George M. Wharton, in the debate on dividing the Diocese—as reported in the New York Church Journal:

"There were some people who could see no Constitutional authority for the Emancipation Proclamation and the trial of offenders by Military Commission. But it was enough that these things were done: that was sufficient proof of the existence of Constitutional authority."

Apart from the improper allusion, and the covert sneer, willing to wound and yet afraid to strike, which characterizes the sentence, the political knowledge it displays is a good gauge of that shown by the Convention in the political part of its performances. There were some able christian men in the body, and why they permitted it to disgrace itself without protest, is beyond our comprehension. We pass that.

This political preacher believes and teaches that the fact of a thing having been done is sufficient proof of Constitutional authority. Of course no man of common sense believes any such thing as he asserts. If so, Mr. Seward's arrests at the touch of a bell were Constitutional—Stanton throws men into military bastilles by telegram, and having done this, it is Constitutional. He tries men by military commission, a tribunal unknown to the written constitution and the laws; yet the organization of the court is "sufficient proof of the existence of constitutional authority."

Such teaching is simply monstrous—and yet of that kind has been the most that we have heard from the pulpit for four years last past. Notwithstanding, The Age, which ought to know better, but which seems to have lost its balance lately, publishes a paragraph, without dissent, calling a congregation mean, for reducing the preacher's salary to twelve dollars for the year, he refusing to resign, and the Bishop refusing to remove him at their request. He was doubtless of the Parvin stripe, an ignorant political priest, so notorious that he could not be offered a call elsewhere; and like the old man of the Sea, bound to fasten himself upon the shoulders of the unfortunate men who gave him the earliest assistance.

Gospel preaching would soon be the order of the day, if these politico-clerical mountebanks who turn their meeting houses into political club rooms, were brought down to a salary commensurate with their earnings, say one dollar a month. The congregation above spoken of is not the only one which has a similar incubus weighing it to the earth; but it is the only one we have heard of with speak enough to cast off the incubus, and be free.

They Can Not Forget It.

The Republican made some vain and brainless boasts in a late issue that they would not forget the Democratic opposition to "our late martyred" tyrant. We afterward informed them that we did not intend to let them forget it, nor the manner in which our opposition was met by Republicans. It appears now that they can not forget it—There are a few families of tory Abolitionists living in what the Republican calls "the back townships." These families, we have reliable information, are tormented by the consciousness of guilt, so much that life is a drudge to them. They were earnest in searching out the places of residence of Democrats, for the astute but cowardly Provost Marshal of Columbia county. They were resolute in giving false information of their neighbors and felt secure while the war was continued in full force and a strong guard of soldiers were ever ready to protect them. Then they did not dream of what should be their situation when peace once more returned to our country and the civil law became the supreme law of the land. Now they feel the oppression of their infamous conduct. The "righteous indignation" is on the other leg. "Conscience make cowards" of them all. They expect to receive from Democrats the same treatment they gave. During the day they cultivate their lands and perform their daily work quietly and molest none of those whom they so lately delighted to curse as copperheads. When night comes it brings to them a dread of danger; they—insolent towards—fear to step from their own confines, and retire to their beds, first barring every window and door about the house, and dream of fire, murder and destruction, the dreams of guilty consciences. Let them tremble, fear and anguish are all that is due to them. Truly, Dr. you can not forget it.

The prospects look bright for the Democracy throughout the State in the approaching election. We will carry the State this Fall by a handsome majority in the honest

Speech of Hon. Gerrit Smith.

Hon. GERRIT SMITH delivered an address in the Cooper Institute, New York City, on Thursday evening, to a very large and intelligent audience, upon the subject of "THE WAY TO ACHIEVE AN ENDING PEACE LIES NOT THROUGH REPRISAL AND VENGEANCE, BUT THROUGH JUSTICE AND LOVE." In the outset of his remarks he took considerable pains in quoting different authorities to sustain and prove his position to be the right and proper one to assume, in relation to the rebel captives. The authorities presented show clearly that this war with the South is one similar to other wars, and should be ended, as it has been continued, according to the laws of war. It will be generally conceded that a civil war comes under the international code of war. This war has so been conducted and all sensible people expect it so to end.

Mr. Smith's speech is entirely too lengthy, for our columns, but we shall publish a few extracts from it, as follows:

"All over the North there is a clamor for the blood of the leading rebels whom we have captured, and whom we hope yet to capture. I have no sympathy with this clamor. The South fully surrendering, let bloodshed cease, and all punishment. [Applause.] Let all merited punishment fall upon those who are guilty of these infamous and infernal crimes. [Applause.] My position is simply that the South shall not be punished for treason. Now I do not say this because she has suffered in my judgment enough already; because her property is wasted, and she is reduced to destitution. I do not say this because the safety of the North requires no more suffering because there is not an interest of the North to be made any more secure by any more suffering of the South. I do not say it because the South has not been guilty of treason."

But I say she is not to be punished for treason, because we have agreed that she shall not be. [Applause.] We came into this agreement very reluctantly, I admit, to conduct this war according to the rules of war, by which I mean the rules of international warfare. Now I hold that our coming into that agreement was a waver and entire surrender of our right to punish the South for seceding. [Applause.] That we came into this agreement to conduct the war according to the rules of war is manifest, is indisputable; that we followed other nations, and accorded the South belligerent rights, is equally manifest. The Supreme Court of our nation unanimously acknowledged these rights of the South. We have acted upon this agreement, and instead of punishing the prisoners, trying, condemning and convicting them for treason we have treated them as prisoners for those who have taken from us and there have been truces between the enemy and ourselves for burial of the dead and other purposes. There have been formal as well as informal negotiations for peace between the North and the South.

Why, on one occasion, we recognized her de facto nationality and all its outgrowing rights by choosing for our Commissioners of peace the President himself, and the Secretary of State himself; and these gentlemen did not wait to have the Southern Commissioners come to them humbly and singly, but they honored the commissioners of the South by going more than half way to meet them. [Applause.] Now, all this, and much more than this, including the right of choosing for our Commissioners of peace the President himself, and the Secretary of State himself; and these gentlemen did not wait to have the Southern Commissioners come to them humbly and singly, but they honored the commissioners of the South by going more than half way to meet them. 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